(c) The steps taken to encourage development of renewable sources of energy include demonstration projects; capital subsidies; loans at concessional rates of interest; fiscal incentives like 100% accelerated depreciation; creation of awareness through publicity, exhibitions, business meets, seminars etc. To encourage investments in projects for generation of power through renewables, many of the State Governments/State Electricity Boards have announced an attractive price for purchase of power with facilities for banking, wheeling and third party sales. These measures have contributed significantly to the growth of renewable energy in the country.

Doctors in Dr. R.M.L. Hospital

*365. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of doctors in Central Government Hospitals and in particular Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, New Delhi are not observing punctuality;

(b) whether the patients have to wait for hours together on the pretex that doctors have not come so far;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to contemplate action against them and the other corrective measures Governments propose to take to maintain punctuality by doctors in the Hospitals; and

(d) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. R. ANTULAY): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Coordinating Body for Privatisation

*366. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:
MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be! pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received representations for setting up of a professional non-official body for coordinating all matters relating to privatisation; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI K. KARUNAKARAN): (a) and (b) The Confederation of India Industry have suggested that it is essential to create a privatisation agency which should be attached to a Ministry reporting directly to the Cabinet. This agency should be led by competent managers and unfettered by traditional bureaucracy. No decision has been taken on the suggestion.

Code of conduct for polls

*367. SHRI SATISH AGARWAL: SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any "Code of Conduct for Polls" is being formulated for the forthcoming General and Assembly elections;

(b) whether any agreement has been reached by the Election Commission in consultation with State Government/ Political parties in this regard; and

(c) the reaction of Government towards funding of election expenses and a ceiling on it, slow progress in supply of identity cards to voters and posting/transfer of officers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) The Election Commission of India has informed that there is an existing Model Code of Conduct which was one of the subjects discussed in its recent meetings with recognised political parties, but no decision was taken.

(c) Government favours implementation of the scheme of photo identity cards in all the States in the shortest possible

time. It is also of the view that officers engaged in election-related duties, to the extent feasible, should not be shifted during elections. Government, however, have not taken any view in regard to State funding of elections. As for ceilings on election expenses are concerned, the same are required to be observed by all the candidates.

Production of Condoms by Hindustan Latex Limited

*368. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the production target of condoms of Hindustan Latex Limited, Thiruvananthapuram, for the year 1995-96 as per the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed between Government of India and the Company;

(b) whether Government of India have given any order for the purchase of condoms;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details regarding the purchase of condoms by Government of India as per the MOU?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. R. ANTULAY): (a) As per the MOU 1995-96, signed between Government of India and Hindustan Latex Ltd. (HLL), Thiruvananthapuram, the production target of condoms of HLL is 613.00 million pieces for a performance rating of "very good".

(b) and (c) The Department of Family Welfare has so far placed orders on HLL for supply of 405.5 million pieces of condoms during 1995-96 at a cost of Rs. 29.06 crores.

(d) No details for the purchase of condoms by Government of India has been incorporated in the MOU.

Research Work in Antarctica

*369. SHRI MOOLCHAND ME,ENA:
SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the different Research Works undertaken by India in Antarctica during the last three years; and

(b) the benefits accrued to India therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (PROF. P. J. KURIEN): (a) The different research work undertaken in Antarctica during the last three years in the course of 12th, 13th and 14th Expedition are in the following broad fields of Polar Science namely, Earth Sciences and Glaciology; Atmospheric Sciences and Meteorology; Biology; Human Physiology; Environment and Communication and Engineering.

(b) (i) Details of scientific research carried out are as follows:

A. Earth Sciences and Glaciology:

— Geological mapping of virgin areas of the Orvin Mountains covering an area of 2000 sq. kms. The total area mapped since 1982 is 9600 sq. kms.

— Geochemical sampling of the crystallines of Schirmacher Oasis to elucidate the evolutionary history of the area.

— Insitu measurements of petrophysical properties of rocks including radioactivity.

— Monitoring of dynamics of glacial front movement of Dakshin Gangotri glacier.

— Preparation of Topographical map of 1:5000 scale of the Schirmacher Oasis.

B. Atmospheric Sciences:

— Vertical profiling of ozone concentration using laser heterodyne system and mesurement of seasonal varia-